IN THE CLAIMS:

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~strikethrough~~. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered). Please AMEND claims in accordance with the following:

1.   (CANCELED)

2.   (CANCELED)

3.   (CANCELED)

4.   (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method of controlling power consumption of a management apparatus to which an electronic apparatus is connected via a network, ~~and which shares a common apparatus with the electronic apparatus~~ the management apparatus having a common device that is shared with the electronic apparatus, said method comprising ~~the steps of~~ :

detecting ~~a usage status of the common apparatus~~ an accessed state to the common device by the electronic apparatus; and

~~controlling~~ rearranging components contained in the common device so as to control an ~~operation~~ operational state of the common ~~apparatus in accordance with the detected usage status thereof~~ device based on the currently detected accessed state.

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13. (CANCELED)

14. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A management apparatus having a common ~~apparatus~~ device shared with an electronic apparatus, wherein said management apparatus comprises:

a status detecting unit which detects ~~a usage status of the common apparatus being used~~ an accessed state to the common device by the electronic apparatus; and

a shared ~~apparatus~~ device control unit which controls an ~~operation~~ operational state of the common ~~apparatus~~ device in accordance with the ~~usage status thereof~~ accessed state detected by the status detecting unit.

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24. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) [A] The computer-readable recording medium ~~which stores a program to be executed by a computer to control an operation of a common apparatus in accordance with a usage status thereof, the common apparatus being shared among a plurality of electronic apparatuses~~ storing a program to be executed by a management apparatus to control a common apparatus connected thereto via a network by:

detecting an accessed state to the common device by the electronic apparatus; and rearranging components contained in the common device so as to control an operational state of the common device based on the currently detected accessed state.

25.   (ORIGINAL) The recording medium as claimed in claim 24, wherein the program comprises:

a usage frequency detecting procedure for detecting how often the common apparatus is used by the electronic apparatuses; and

a common apparatus control procedure for controlling an operation of the common apparatus in accordance with the detected usage frequency.